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Joliet to Lemont
FAP Route 340 (I-355 South Extension), I-55 to I-80, Cook, DuPage, & Will
Counties
I-355 Extension
IHPA LOG #0101280001MVA

February 28, 2001

John Kos
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Dear Mr. Kos:

Thank you for requesting comments from our office concerning the possible effects of your project on cultural resources. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

- 2.1 At this time, we find that the Draft Supplemental Final EIS is not complete because Section 2.9 dealing with cultural resources does not adequately address historic structures. Please continue to work with us to insure that Section 106 is addressed prior to the issuance of the final EIS.

In your reply, please refer to IHPA Log #0101280001MVA. If you have any further questions, please contact Cody Wright, Cultural Resources Manager, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, 217/785-3977.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker

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Illinois State Water Survey

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January 17, 2001

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RE: FAP 340 (Interstate 355 South Extension), FHWA-IL-EIS-93-03-FS/4(f)

Dear Mr. Kos:

Pursuant to your letter of December 29, 2000, staff at the Illinois State Water Survey have performed a brief review of the Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation for FAP 340 (Interstate 355 South Extension). Disturbance to the water, air, and other resources is unavoidable in the construction of a major transportation route. While the impacts of any single project may be minimal, history shows that the cumulative effects of multiple projects are measurable. We avidly support the concept of evaluating the cumulative effects of this project (DSFEIS, Section 4.20) and future projects. Careful and conscientious application of the mitigation measures proposed is strongly encouraged. It is important that floodplain and floodway management regulations are followed (2000 DSFEIS, Section 4.10.9 and 1996 FEIS, Section 4.10.4), but it is equally important that there is follow through in the process. The community floodplain maps must be updated to show new or modified bridges, culverts and drainage patterns. The hydraulic analysis performed to evaluate these structures must be submitted through the proper channels to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to revise the regulatory floodplain maps used for permitting and insurance purposes. Failure to update the regulatory maps to reflect such changes leads to problems with later floodplain management decision making as well as increased costs to locate or redevelop technical data for later incorporation of changes in the regulatory maps. Wetland maps should likewise be updated to reflect the modifications of the completed project.

The road salt dispersion study conducted by the Illinois State Water Survey is an excellent example of how our agency can provide sound scientific analysis to support environmentally sensitive development and construction practices. We appreciate the opportunity to conduct such studies and look forward to future supportive research.

Sincerely,

Derek Winstanley

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Attn: Patrick J. Pechnick, P.E.

RE: Project and Environmental Studies: FAP 340 (Interstate 355 South Extension)

Dear Mr. Kos:

On February 22, our Executive Committee reviewed the Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement for FAP Route 340 (Interstate 355 South Extension). The attached memorandum reflects the Committee's discussion and conclusions.

We are happy to see that IDOT has responded to questions raised in our earlier reviews of this project.

We wish to stress two points:

- 1.) The project is in the adopted 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted by the Commission.
- 2.) The Commission, as stated in our 1994 and 1995 comments, again urges IDOT/ISTHA to commit to joining and supporting a process with local governments (convened in the Heritage Corridor Planning Council) to review project design issues, monitor environmental impacts and enforce environmental mitigation plans both during and after construction of this project.

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Because of the complex paper/CD format of the Draft SFEIS, December 2000; it was difficult to discern if and exactly how our earlier technical comments have been addressed in this document. Therefore, we have attached a memo that reiterates these technical points, and identifies which sections of the December 2000 Draft SFEIS address the same concerns.

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Mr. John P. Kos

February 28, 2001

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Thomas

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Executive Director

encl: Memo Feb. 21, 2001 with earlier NIPC review comments and citations of Draft SFEIS portions on the same issues

cc: John Paige, Deborah Washington, Dennis Dreher, Max Dieber

RT/as